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\$74.5 Million in New Commercial Development Highlighted in Lackawanna State of the City Address

During the annual State of the City Address delivered on Monday, March 1, Mayor Annette Iafallo highlighted major accomplishments in Lackawanna from 2020, which included \$74.5 million in new commercial development projects – over \$72 million related to the city’s partnership with New York State, Erie County and the Erie County Industrial Development Agency to remediate and redevelop 244 acres on the former Bethlehem Steel site.

“Attracting new businesses to Lackawanna will bring many benefits including jobs, increased shopping and restaurant activity and new tax revenue that will be used to bring tax relief to homeowners in the years ahead,” said Mayor Iafallo. “I’m proud to say that last year we took a significant first step toward this goal.”

Mayor Iafallo’s address also touched upon projects planned for this year, including continued redevelopment of the former steel plant site, activation of city-owned parcels for warehousing and mixed-use commercial and residential development, a nearly \$2 million reconstruction of Center Street and significant grant-funded improvements to recreation facilities including a state-of-the art splash park to be constructed near the Lackawanna Public Library and renovations and enhancements to Veterans Stadium.

Due to Covid-19 safety protocols, this presentation was delivered through Facebook Live during yesterday’s Lackawanna City Council meeting. Below are links to the presentation along with a map illustrating the projects referenced in the address.

- Recorded Version https://youtu.be/QeHZo7CQ_I8
- Written Version: <http://lackawannany.gov/.../Lackawanna-State-of-City-Final-22...>
- Development Projects Map <http://lackawannany.gov/.../Lackawanna-Development-Projects-2...>